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FORMER EXECUTIVE PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT OF \$660,000 FROM EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN

Tampa, Florida - James L. Warburton, Jr., a resident of Riverview, Florida, pled guilty today in the United States District Court, Tampa, Florida, to charges that he stole money from an employee pension plan. Warburton, age 31, was the former Director of Human Resources for the Comdial Corporation, located in Sarasota, Florida. Warburton pled guilty to stealing \$660,000 from Comdial's employee pension plan between February 20, 2002 and January 29, 2003. Warburton faces up to five years' imprisonment and a fine of up to \$1,320,000. A sentencing date has not yet been set.

The case was investigated by the Sarasota Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dennis I. Moore.